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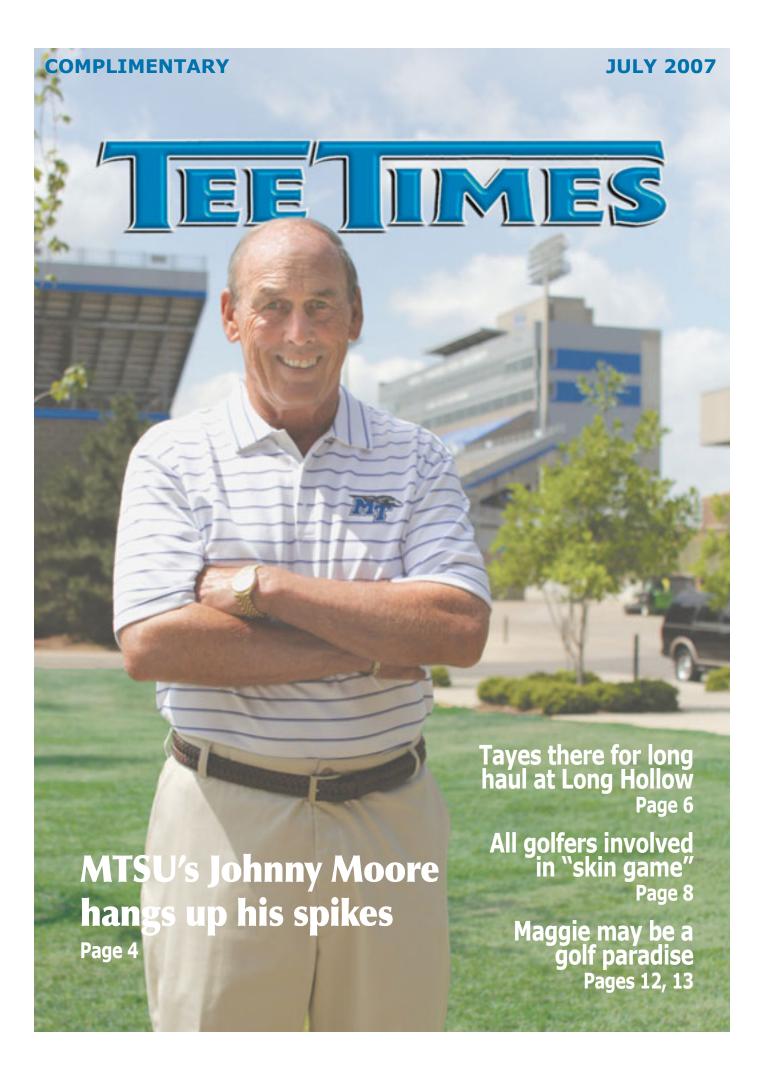




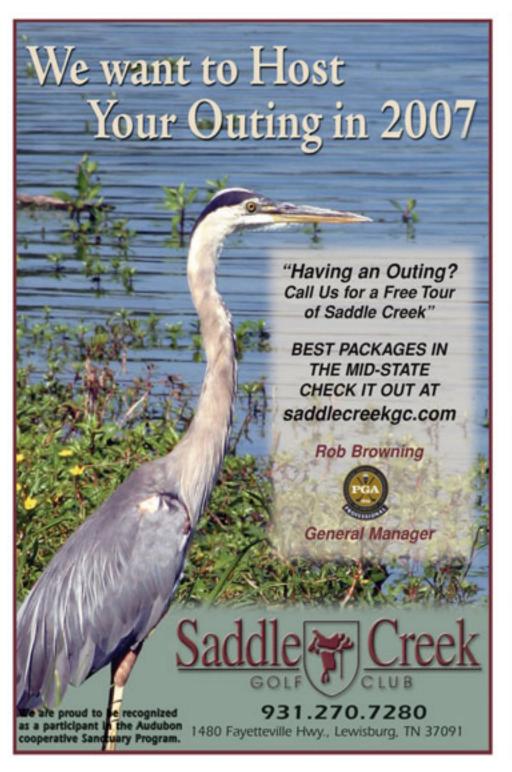
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Jim Webb, director of golf for the Tennessee State Parks, hit the ground running after taking over for longtime director Nancy Bunton. We'll take a good look into the life of this man who oversees the golf operations for the Tennessee Golf Trail, which encompasses five state parks courses and five Bear Trace courses.

Our feature golf course superintendent is Joe Kennedy of Vanderbilt Legends Club. Any golfer who's played either of the two beautiful courses in Franklin will appreciate our story about the man (and his crew) behind the

The Reserve at Collins River is a little course with big plans. Designer Jerry Lemons and hands-on owners Dwight and Hannah O'Neil and their sons are developing an 18-hole, player-friendly course with killer views.

We here at *Tee Times* want to keep you abreast of the major tournaments all over our region. Summertime brings out the best of the best in tournament play. It's a busy time for juniors; several metropolitan city tournaments are ongoing, and the MUNY was just played out over three days on four of Nashville's finest municipal courses. All over our state there are TGA-

sanctioned events for both amateurs and pros. Read all about it in August; we'll have complete results of recent tournament play.

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Editor

Course designer Jerry Lemons points out the areas of expansion to owners Hannah and Dwight O'Neal.

from the publisher



Even in the blistering heat of the summer, golf in our area thrives as we approach the midway point of the season. It certainly has been an exciting one thus far. A couple of local heroes are experiencing success on the national stage: Brandt Snedeker on the PGA Tour and Franklin's SeeMore Putter Co. as the purveyor of one of the hottest products in golf in recent years.

Derek Rende, a young amateur from Soddy Daisy, captured the 59th Tennessee State Open at Gaylord Springs by shooting an 11-under, three-day total of 202. Local entrepreneur and golf enthusiast Dan Crockett stepped up to the plate to take the Music City Invitational to another level. The Schooldays tournament was a tremendous success, with Goodpasture's Joe David continuing his winning ways to take the boys division and Olivia Love from Columbia taking girls honors.

We at *Tee Times* have tried to bring you interesting stories about people, places and events throughout the golf season, especially in our region, and we'll continue to make every effort to do so. We've made some changes that we're excited about and that we believe will enable us to provide even more coverage of interesting stories on a broader basis. Our editor, Paul Erland, who has written numerous stories for the last three years, will now be in charge of obtaining golf-related news, information and features from the western and eastern regions of Tennessee, as well as from southern Kentucky and northern Alabama, while continuing to write and edit. (If you have any golf news or views for Paul, e-mail him at TeeTimesPaul@bellsouth.net).

We are very pleased to welcome to the *Tee Times* family Sharon Fitzgerald as managing editor and A.J. Busé as creative director. Sharon is an adjunct professor at Middle Tennessee State University in the Journalism Department and has her own company, Sharon Fitzgerald Communications, while A.J. owns his own company, Brand New Day Advertising & PR. Sharon and A.J. have worked together for several years on various projects, and we feel very fortunate to have them on board.

Carol Hall is a name and face that most everyone on the staffs of area golf courses as well as many area golfers recognizes. She'll continue to be out and about on the golf scene to dig up those great human-interest stories and will serve as our chief account representative.

The folks at Franklin Web will continue to do their splendid job of printing *Tee Times*, as they have for the past 16 years.

It is our goal to provide our readers the most comprehensive and readable golf publication in our region - and to deliver it 10 months a year.

The second half of the season shapes up to be as exciting as the first, bringing us the chase for the new FedEx Cup along with the new and improved Tee Times. We love to hear from you and welcome your suggestions and recommendations. Thank you for your loyal readership, and we look forward to continuing to be your No.1 source in the area for information about the great game of golf.



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MTSU's Johnny Moore swings into retirement

By Tony Stinnett

It is said that all good things must come to an end, and the conclusion of a tremendous college coaching career reached its finality June 15 when veteran Middle Tennessee State University men's golf coach Johnny Moore retired after 18 years. Moore had actually announced his retirement during the spring golf season, indicating the time was right, but the decision was no

"The decision was easy and hard," Moore said. "I have known for several years that retirement was coming. I don't know that there is ever a right time, but I do feel like the time is good now and the program is in

less difficult.

good shape. I think with the players we have coming back, Middle Tennessee is going to do very well for a long time."

Just as he was indicating the time was right, reminders of how good - and young - his final MTSU team was suggest he could have had a change of heart at any time. In his final season, Moore was named Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year after his team fashioned a 115-29-2 record and narrowly missed out on a spot in the NCAA Regional. The Blue Raiders lost the Sun Belt Conference Championship in a sudden-death playoff after storming back from a 13-shot deficit after the first round. Moore's starting lineup included one senior, two sophomores and two freshmen. In fact, freshman Craig Smith was the Sun Belt's medalist, and sophomore Chas Narramore earned an at-large berth into the NCAA Championships.

"As we were leaving the Sun Belt Conference Championships, I thought, 'Boy, I would like to have another shot at these boys,' " Moore said. "Of course, you could go on



Coach Johnny Moore was inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 2001.

and on like that forever, and then when you have a bad year, is that the year you are going to step out? I guess you have to weigh it all, but I really believe this is the time for me.

"I can't think of a day when I haven't enjoyed coming to work and enjoyed what I do," Moore continued. "There have been some frustrations, as with anything, but I tell everybody that I've had the best job in the world. It has been very rewarding, and being at this University is the only place I've ever wanted to be."

Moore played football at Middle Tennessee and is an inductee into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame. He led the Blue Raider golf program to its only NCAA tournament appearance as a Division I member in 2000, and in 2007, sophomore Chas Narramore became the first Blue Raider golfer to earn an invite into the NCAA Championships as an individual.

Certainly, following in Moore's footsteps will not be easy.

"We greatly appreciate the job Johnny Moore has done leading the Middle Tennessee golf program and with the consistency he has demonstrated for a long period of time," MTSU Director of Athletics Chris Massaro said. "He is a class individual and I have never heard a negative word about him. In my travels, whenever I have talked to someone who knows Coach Moore, the first thing they talk about is what a gentlemen he is and how he does everything with class. I don't think there is a greater compliment."

Moore said he has no idea where the search for Middle Tennessee's new coach will lead, but the veteran mentor said he believes Whit Turnbow, his former player and assistant coach of five seasons, has made significant contributions to the Blue Raiders. Turnbow played for Moore from 1997-2000 and was a key member of the 2000 NCAA Tournament squad. He later returned to his alma mater and has assisted Moore for the past five seasons.

"Whit spent so much time with me he's almost like a son," Moore said. "He played for me and then he came back and

coached with me for five years. Whit has brought a lot to this program.

Whit tells me he learned some things from me, but I tell you what, I've learned a lot from Whit." Moore worked for four different athletics directors at Middle Tennessee beginning with John Stanford, who hired him in 1989. The well-liked Moore also worked for Lee Fowler, **Boots Donnelly** and Massaro. "I consider them personal friends," Moore said. "I never considered one of them a boss. They are close personal friends who each brought their own unique style to this university,

and I have been very blessed to work for all four of those guys."

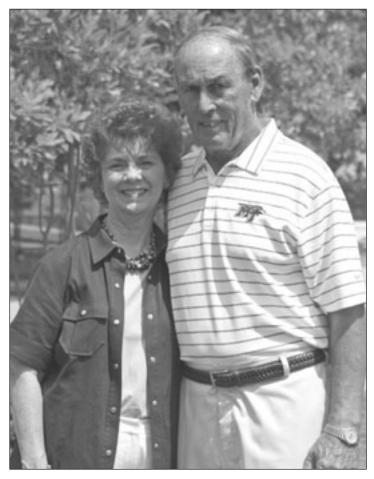
Perhaps Moore's greatest legacy is that he proved, with consistency, that excellence occurs both on and off the course. The veteran coach has become an institution, and under his tutelage, the Blue Raider program has enjoyed tremendous success both in the classroom and on the course.

Photos by Bradley Lambert/MTSU

In addition to the NCAA
Tournament berth, Moore
guided MTSU to five conference
championships and nine additional
tournament team championships.
He produced six Golfers of the Year,
and his players earned first-team
All-Conference 19 times. Moore's
teams also had a history of being
competitive throughout the season.
His teams produced 16 first-place
finishes, 15 second-place finishes and
17 third-place finishes. In all, the Blue
Raiders finished fifth place or higher
80 times with Moore at the helm.

Success under Moore wasn't limited to the golf course. Blue Raider golfers earned 24 academic honors since MTSU joined the Sun Belt in 2001 with 19 landing on the SBC Academic Honor Roll. The program also produced five players on the SBC Commissioner's List. MTSU earned the SBC's Team Academic Award in 2003-04 and 2004-05, and three different linksters achieved the league's Sportsmanship Award.

A former two-time Nashville Metropolitan Open Champion and one of the top-rated amateur golfers in Tennessee, Moore qualified and participated in the United States Senior Open in 1990, which was won by Lee Trevino. For more than



Moore and wife Andrea have four children: Laura, Anne Marie, Johnny and Mikie; and three granddaughters.

30 years, Moore has been a member of the Tennessee Golf Association Board of Directors. He is also a past president and was appointed a member of the Sectional Affairs Committee of the United States Golf Association seven years ago. ●

Turnbow gets the job

At press time, Middle Tennessee State University announced that Whit Turnbow is the university's sixth head men's golf coach in program history. He was elevated from assistant to head coach after five years. Read about Turnbow in the August issue of *Tee Times*.

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"I'll be back," vows Pettitt after first U.S.Open experience

By Kellen Gorbett

You are lucky enough to get a ticket to the 2007 U.S. Open and on the second day you stay to watch the sun set on the ballowed grounds of Oakmont Country

Club. You find quiet relaxation at a place where there has been little relaxation for anyone that week.

Walking along the fairway of the eighth hole, one of the longest par 3s on the planet at 288 yards, only the greens crew is there to greet you. The players left bours ago, and even the merchandise shop is closed. making the sun dropping behind the Pennsylvania bills your only

excuse to stay. The shuttles taking fans to their vehicles are no longer running. After trekking up the long bill to the clubbouse, you find the cleaning crew beginning its nightly chores.

Yet when you walk to the side of the clubbouse, the quiet atmosphere gives way to the cheers and laughter of a party. The party isn't for Angel Cabrera, the leader at the time and eventual winner of the Open, and it isn't for any

other golfer in contention. The bugs and toasts are offered to a golfer who didn't even make the cut, but you can't tell that from the smiling faces of the 30

> people crammed onto the clubbouse patio.

nerves. Pettitt says the Friday evening gathering is the first time he has been

Phil Mickelson and Jim Furyk.

"Sure, I wish I had made the cut, and when I got through I was obviously disappointed, but no amateurs made the cut. Even a lot of pros didn't make the cut," Pettitt said.

Instead of worrying about performing well, Pettitt used the Open as an

to learn from players who had been there before. He was fortunate to be paired with Sergio Garcia and J.J. Henry on the last day of the practice rounds. Pettitt said due to the laid-back environment of the practice rounds, he was able to "pick their

brain" while walking the course.

"They said I had the talent to play here, and for now to just enjoy the whole process of getting here," Pettitt said.

As far as the course itself, widely

regarded as one of the most difficult courses in the world, Pettitt said it was everything he expected, but he wouldn't have prepared any differently. "Every shot at the Open is just an inch from a catastrophe," Pettitt said with a laugh.

Known locally for his work ethic, it is rare to find Pettitt anywhere but on a golf

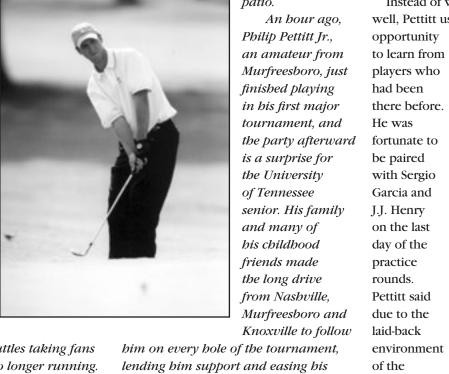
> course during the day. Although he said he is practicing as much as he possibly can, he admits "the only thing I really need is a few more years of experience."

Ten years from now, if you are lucky enough to get a ticket to the U.S. Open and you decide to stay and watch the sun go down, take a walk to the clubhouse. Although the course is quiet, you may hear the cheers and laughter of a celebration. It may just be Philip Pettitt

Jr., celebrating his first U.S. Open victory with his family and friends.

"This Open won't be my last," Pettitt said with a confident grin. "I'll be back."

~Photos compliments of UT Athletics



able to relax all week. Though Pettitt struggled through most of his two days at Oakmont, finishing at 23 over par, instead of becoming

frustrated, he was able to enjoy the experience of playing with the best golfers in the world like Tiger Woods,

On the Tours

Snedeker adds top 25 at U.S. Open to his resume

By David Widener

Nashville's Brandt Snedeker continues to shine in his rookie season on the PGA Tour, earning another top-25 finish by tying for 23rd in the 107th U.S. Open played at Oakmont Country Club.

Snedeker shot rounds of 71-73-77-74 for 15over-par 295 to earn \$71,905. Failing to make the cut on the tough par-70 layout were Shaun Micheel of Memphis, Knoxville's Eric Axley, Kirk Triplett, who is part owner of Champions Run in Rockvale, Vanderbilt standout Luke List of Chattanooga, East Tennessee State's Rhys Davies and Tennessee Volunteer Philip Pettitt Jr.

Micheel, Axley and Triplett all shot 11-over-par 151 to miss the cut by just one stroke. Micheel had rounds of 78-73, Axley 79-72 and Triplett 73-78. List shot 77-79 for 16-over-par 156, Davis shot 74-83 for 17-over-par 157 and Pettitt posted rounds of 81-82 for 23-over-par 163.

Angel Cabrera of Argentina won the tournament with 5-over-par 285 as tough conditions again prevailed in the U.S. Open over the top players in the world. He became the eighth player since 1965 to win the tournament with an over-par score. One of those is Tennessee's own Lou Graham, who won the 1975 U.S. Open at Medinah with 3-over-par 287. Snedeker ranks 39th on the PGA Tour money list following the U.S. Open with \$1,146,486 for his 19 tournaments.

"I'm not going to lie; this is my rookie year out here on the tour, so I still get that awe feeling every now and then," Snedeker said in a NBC-TV interview. "But, that being said, I've been playing well lately. Each week I am out here, I start to get more comfortable. It's nice for your confidence playing on a golf course like Oakmont where it is brutal all day long. You need all the confidence you can get because it's going to shake everything you have in your body."

Germantown's Loren Roberts also is over \$1 million in earnings, picking up \$1,055,047 on the Champions Tour, where he ranks second on the money list, and an additional \$12,660 for two events played on the PGA Tour.



Loren Roberts poses with the trophy after winning the Boeing Championship at Sandestin at Raven Golf Club in Destin, Fla., on June 3, 2007.

Area players by earnings on pro tours this season (through the U.S. Open):

PGA Tour			
Player	Events	Earnings	Rank
Brandt Snedeker, Nashville	19	\$1,146,486	39 th
Shaun Micheel, Memphis	17	\$591,035	87 nd
Kenny Perry, Franklin, Ky.	15	\$514,685	99 th
Eric Axley, Knoxville	21	\$312,039	127 nd
Kirk Triplett, Rockvale	14	\$221,958	150 th
Vance Veazey, Memphis	5	\$176,516	159 th
Garrett Willis, Knoxville	4	\$65,580	196 th
Loren Roberts, Germantown	2	\$12,660	236 th
Champions Tour			
Player	Events	Earnings	Rank
Loren Roberts, Germantown	12	\$1,055,047	2^{nd}
Gibby Gilbert, Chattanooga	4	\$7,966	124^{th}
Harry Taylor, Old Hickory	1	\$1,056	T-160th
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Long Hollow superintendent holds steady course

By Paul Erland

Andy Taylor, sheriff of Mayberry, is a character Rick Tayes, superintendent of Long Hollow Golf Course, admires. He named his son, Taylor, after the TV lawman, and like Andy, Rick prefers to pass the credit around.

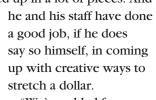
"The crew is what makes it (the course)," he says. "They take a lot of pride in what they do." Tayes works with a full-time four-person crew and four summer temporaries. They are out on the course from 6 a.m. until mid-afternoon, and they're striving every day, he says, to make things just a little better.

Long Hollow is a municipal course, built in 1982; half of it sits atop the old city landfill. The city of Gallatin cares about the course, and officials recognize that it's an asset to the community. Thus, they've done a good job, Tayes says, to come up with funds out of a budget that must be carved up in a lot of pieces. And

> "We've added four bridges over the lakes, done some rockwork around the greens and added some traps," he

Daily consistency is a large part of the yearly agenda at Long Hollow. "We cut the greens every day," Tayes says. "People will think of the greens the way they find them that day. We try to keep

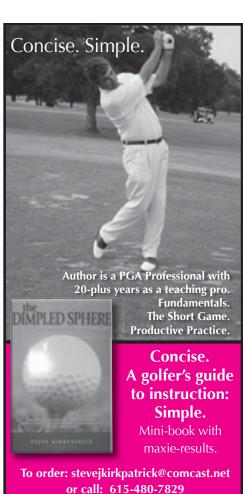
Tayes has spent most of the days of his adult life on a golf course. Right out of high school, he started as



up the quality every day."

assistant superintendent

of three courses in Kissimmee, Fla., helping to build two of the three and to run them after they were built. He was an assistant at Long Hollow, left and then returned; he's been there for 11 years now. He misses the fishing





The crew (left to right) is: Rick Tayes; W.C. Autry, full time at 81; Brian Templeton, mechanic; Jim Whitehurst; Jessie Cole; Don Fuqua; James Wheeler, assistant superintendent; and Arthur Hatt. Not pictured are Joe Sutton and Jerry Walker.

in Florida but not the crowds, and he says that Tennessee has been a welcome change of pace.

Tayes and his wife, Joyce, have been married 21 years. Taylor, 15, plays hockey at Hendersonville High; their daughter, Kayla, 19, is preparing to go off to beauty school. Tayes plays a little golf - he's a hacker, he admits - and his crew plays the home course whenever possible to get the lay of the land.

"I get ideas from golfers," Tayes says. "Sometimes they see something I'm missing." He also gets help from superintendents at other courses, and he doesn't hesitate to call them, even though they're competing, technically, for golfers. "They're all real helpful," he says, "and I try to be, too."

The course at Long Hollow is in good shape, he says, considering what the freezes did to the Bermuda grass and

what the current drought is doing to the roughs. "The lakes are low now, and we're starving for water," he says. "We're having to conserve." But like Andy Taylor, Tayes will make do with what he has.

"If I ever get satisfied and sit back and not be creative, I might as well move on," he adds. Also like Andy, there's one big thing that keeps him going: making other people happy.

"I get satisfaction when I see people enjoying playing," he says. "That makes my day."

Long Hollow Golf Course is located at 1080 Long Hollow Pike in Gallatin. The champion par-70 course has Bermuda fairways and bent grass greens. Water comes into play on seven holes. Call (615) 451-3120 or visit www.lastchanc eteetimes.com/courses/LongHollowGolf for more information.



Long Hollow is a beautiful course operated

by the city of Gallatin. The condition of the

course is a tribute to the hard work of the

superintendent, Rick Tayes, and his crew.

Tayes stands on one of several bridges that

built by the crew without any outside help.

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Sun Mountain keeps walkers in mind

Montana-based Sun Mountain introduced new products and improvements this year to answer the needs of a variety of golfers, especially those who like to hoof it around the course.

Carts

Sun Mountain broke the mold in 1999 when it introduced its patented Speed Cart, a three-wheel, ergonomically designed push cart in answer to the traditional two-wheel, pull carts. The original Speed Cart positioned the golfer's back, arms and shoulders in their most natural positions. The 2007 improvements include adjustable front-wheel alignment for perfect tracking, folding bag brackets for an even smaller

folded footprint and adjustable bungee bag straps that quick-release. Standard accessories include a tire pump, hand brake, sand/seed mix bottle, and an umbrella holder on the cart handle for an open umbrella and on the frame for umbrella storage. Sun Mountain's self-propelled Speed E Cart, first introduced in 2005, is a foldable, electronic cart that allows golfers to

> stroll along while the cart does all the work. Golfers simply walk behind the cart and steer. It's easy to operate with cruise control and dynamic braking that keep the cart at a consistent speed. The frame wraps

> > around the bag, securing it without straps. New for 2007 is an upgraded accessory panel to include a padded valuables box. Also this

year, Sun Mountain introduced its Speed Cart V2, a nonmotorized version of the Speed E. It offers the heavier-duty construction and improved frame, the strapless bag brackets and the upgraded accessories panel. For both Speed versions, a seat is optional.

For golfers who carry their bag, the new HUGTM Carry System is an option. It transfers up to 60 percent of the weight of the clubs from the shoulders to the waist. In addition to dual bag straps, a HUG bag also features a U-shaped arm in sizes small to large

corresponding to waist size. When not in use, the arm fits tight against the bag's hip pad.

Sun Mountain's new Superlight 3.5 landed in pro shops this spring and weighs just 3.5 pounds.

Research by a backpack safety expert, Ralph Kester, showed that golfers who carry HUG bags walk with their heads forward 5 percent from vertical, while those carrying another bag walk with their heads forward 25 percent. The further forward the head tilts, the more weight the neck and shoulder muscles must support. The closer the neck is to straight vertical, the better the weight is dispersed throughout the body.



Sun Mountain is known for its RainFlex outerwear, made of a knit fabric of inter-twining threads in a series of connected loops. The inherent flexibility of the fabric comes from the loops "flattening out" rather than individual threads stretching. A RainFlex jacket stretches 100 percent across the

shoulders, while a typical woven jacket might stretch25 percent. Sun Mountain applies a waterproof membrane to the inside of the RainFlex fabric which ensures it sheds raindrops yet also

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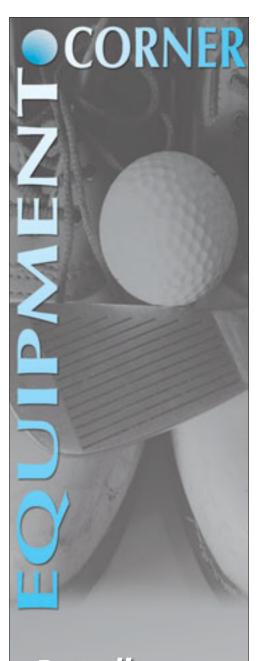
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Catching Some Rays

Golfers must protect themselves against sun exposure

By Sharon H. Fitzgerald

Considering one in five Americans will get skin cancer, golfers should certainly take heed, recommends Dr. Michael

Zanolli, a dermatologist with Nashville-based Heritage Medical Associates who practices at Saint Thomas Hospital.

What's Zanolli's No. 1 tip to avoid skin damage from the sun? "I'm not trying to be to jovial here, but shade is No. 1. That's what I tell my patients every day," he says. He suggests golfers own an

umbrella - and not just use it in the rain. Umbrellas with a reflective silver coating or specially treated fabrics should be shielding golfers from the sun particularly if they are walking or riding in a cart with no top.

Zanolli adds with a hint of humor that good golfers are most at risk. "If you're hitting the ball in the fairway, there's not much shade in the fairway. And the people who just talk about it the clubhouse, they're really in good shape," he quips.

Zanolli's second tip is today's clothing options made of fabric specially treated to absorb UV rays. "There is really good

technology in clothing nowadays with SPF protection. Some of the golf shirts are very, very thin, very, very sheer with good air

> flow," he says. Some companies, such as Coolibar, specialize in sun-protection clothing and boast a golf line. Its golf polo shirt is rated to block 98 percent of UV rays. Zanolli also stresses the importance of hats to protect the top of the head and face.

SPF stands for sun protection factor, and it's used to rate the ability to block UV rays. It's calculated by comparing the amount of time needed to produce

a sunburn on protected skin to the amount of time needed to cause a sunburn on unprotected skin. If a person would normally turn red after 10 minutes in the sun, a sunscreen or shirt with SPF 2 would double the burn time to 20 minutes. SPF 15? Two and a half hours.

Zanolli's No. 3 recommendation is sunscreen with an SPF of 15 to 30. "There is a bit of difference between an SPF 15 and SPF 30. Yet the difference between SPF 30 and SPF 55 or 60 or 100 is less than 5 percent. It's just a function of the method of testing," he explains. SPF 60 does not

offer double the protection of SPF 30.

"Sunblocks are better than they were before," he adds. "Sunblocks were originally made for protection from ultraviolet B, and actually they were very good for that. But we've learned a lot more about ultraviolet A wavelengths of light, and the sunblocks haven't in the past been that great for protection from UV-A." Within the last year, that's changed in the United States, and he recommends consumers look for the ingredients anthelios or helioplex to ensure UV-A protection. UV-A penetrates deeper than UV-B and is implicated in premature aging. "If you don't want to look 60 when you're 45, you protect against UV-A. You won't have as many wrinkles or blotches,"

Prior to a round, golfers should apply sunscreen to all exposed areas, wait 20 minutes and reapply, Zanolli says. "Then you get the proper amount, and you also hit those skipped areas" that result in a swath of severely burned skin, he explains.

Most golfers know the frustration of trying to apply sunscreen on the course, and the result is a slippery grip. Following Zanolli's reapplication recommendation before the first tee should eliminate that

Skin Cancer Facts

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- More than 1 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year.
- An estimated 10,850 people will die of skin cancer this
- There will be about 108,230 new cases of melanoma (the most serious form of skin cancer) - 48,290 noninvasive and 59,940 invasive.
- Melanoma is the second most common cancer in women aged 20 to 29.
- Older Caucasian males have the highest mortality rates from melanoma.

problem. "A person should be able to get through nine holes pretty easily and shouldn't have to reapply before the turn," he says. Then, if more sunscreen is needed at the turn, usually because of perspiration, there's a place to wash your hands.

Don't forget your eyes, Zanolli adds, and buy sunglasses with UV protection to help protect against cataracts. "There's a reason why people squint. It's a natural protection. When you put on sunglasses, you can feel your face muscles relax,"

Zanolli is president-elect of the Nashville Academy of Medicine and president of The Photomedicine Society, an international alliance of physicians, photobiologists, physicists and students who promote an understanding of light in health and disease.

Johnny Warren is Director of Instruction, Johnny Warren Golf Academy,

Tips from Johnny: Cure slice with stronger grip

By Johnny Warren, 2004 Teacher of the Year, PGA Tennessee Section

Dr. Michael Zanolli

The most common problem I see in golf is the dreaded slice. In my opinion, a golfer who has been grounded with solid pre-swing fundamentals will probably never experience a bad slice. Why? Because an open clubface is what causes a ball to slice, and a

poor grip is usually at the root of the problem.

A "slice" grip is a weak left hand with no knuckles showing and the handle in the palm of the hand (photo 1). Once the clubface opens and the ball begins to go to the right, a golfer will start to cut across the ball in an effort to "steer" the ball to the left, which only magnifies the problem. What I have just described is the conception of a golfer who will someday become a habitual slicer.

The first thing that needs to be corrected to cure a slice is to square the clubface by repositioning your left hand (for a right-handed golfer). Make sure your grip is toward the fingers of your left hand with 2 or 3 knuckles showing. It is also very important to hold the club in the fingers of the right hand with the "V" formed between the right thumb and forefinger pointing toward your right shoulder (photo 2). Now begin to make some easy swings while allowing the clubface to turn counter-clockwise and point toward the ground as you swing past impact. This will cause the clubface to close, which is the conception of a slice-free swing (photo 3). If this causes you to hook the ball too much, you may want to back off of the counterclockwise swings but don't change the grip.

Spend some time practicing these suggestions and you should be well on your way to playing better golf.

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A Mission of Love

By Carol Hall

On Nov. 4, 1987, Andrew Taylor Bost entered this world to adoring parents, Steve and Gail Bost. Andy arrived six weeks early, and within two weeks, he developed his first respiratory infection. Two bouts of pneumonia were followed by instances of bronchitis, all before he was diagnosed with asthma at 18 months old. The young parents became well-read and well-versed on doctors, emergency

rooms and medications, all in order to sustain their child's life.

When Andy began school, Gail took a job at his elementary school as a librarian's assistant, to be near in case an attack occurred. Too many episodes made her leery, and she wanted to keep the same hours as

Gail Bost has been the development for several months now, but her journey about this lung disease for the sake of

her child with this chronic, acute disease.

Gail Bost, development officer for the

works from her office in Metro Center.

American Lung Association of Tennessee,

officer for the American Lung Association with this association began as a volunteer more than 10 years ago. Her involvement has been a mission not only to learn more protecting her only child, but to educate others about the disease that is not only hard on the asthmatic but affects the entire family as well.

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The American Lung Association of Tennessee has many programs, two of which are advertised in this publication: The Tennessee Golf Privilege Card (Lung Card), which offers discounted golf at more than 390 courses, and the Middle Tennessee Asthma Walk, held June 23. Both raise funds to help fight lung diseases, including asthma, COPD, emphysema, lung cancer and other

> respiratory illnesses.

Neither Andy nor his parents have allowed asthma to be an excuse in their family. Andy has participated in sports from the age of 5 and into his high-school years, when he played basketball

and soccer. In his freshman year, he was on the cross-country team. He's lived a pretty normal life, perhaps because he and his parents recognized the need to take a proactive stance against his disease. Their quest has been to educate themselves on all aspects of the disease. The journey that they have undertaken is also on behalf of others.

Gail, through her volunteer work with the American Lung Association, set up the Nebulizer Project in 2000. Andy

began taking his own nebulizer to school at age 5, giving him a vital medication should he have an attack. Gail was able to get nebulizers in the Williamson County School System, along with some 20 Metro Nashville schools. In conjunction with her volunteer program, she set up "Open Airways, Asthma 101 for Teachers," a basic six-week course

piloted in Williamson County schools in 2002. This EPA-sponsored program instructs school personnel to look at their buildings differently in order to improve the air quality. (Studies have shown that air quality inside some buildings can be from 10 to 100 percent worse than that of the outside air.) In 2001, Gail was named Volunteer of the Year for bringing asthma education into the Williamson County schools.

Andy's team raised \$1,000 for the 2007 Asthma Walk. His and teammates' shirts are emblazoned with the slogan "Asthma Sucks." Andy, too, is very much into educating others about asthma for example, teaching others to recognize such "triggers" for asthma attacks as pet hair and certain plants. Such recognition could ultimately save a life.

Because of Andy, Gail has reached out to



The Bost family: Steve, Gail and Andy

others like him and their families, giving support, education and understanding to those afflicted with a disease that kills 5,000 each year in the United States. In Tennessee alone there are 351,000 asthma sufferers, and the disease is on the rise for inexplicable reasons.

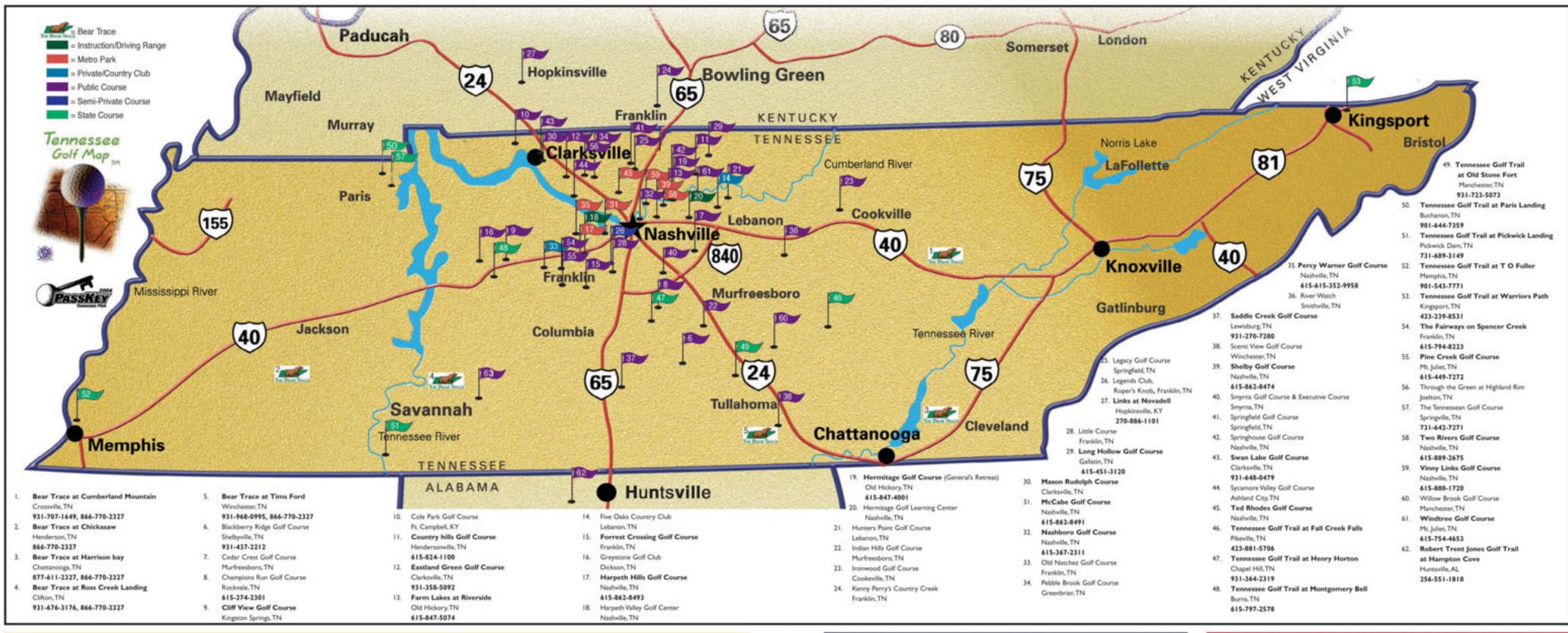
The American Lung Association of Tennessee needs your support. Who among us has not had a friend or family member living with lung disease - or dying from it? Visit www.alatn.org.



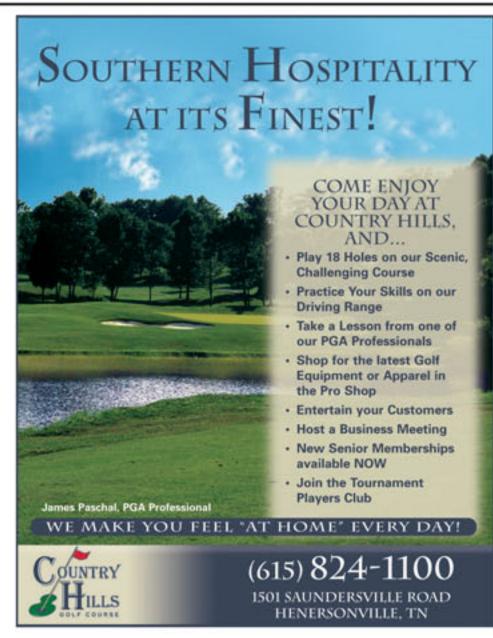
Andy Bost and his team tell it like it is at The Asthma Walk on June 23.





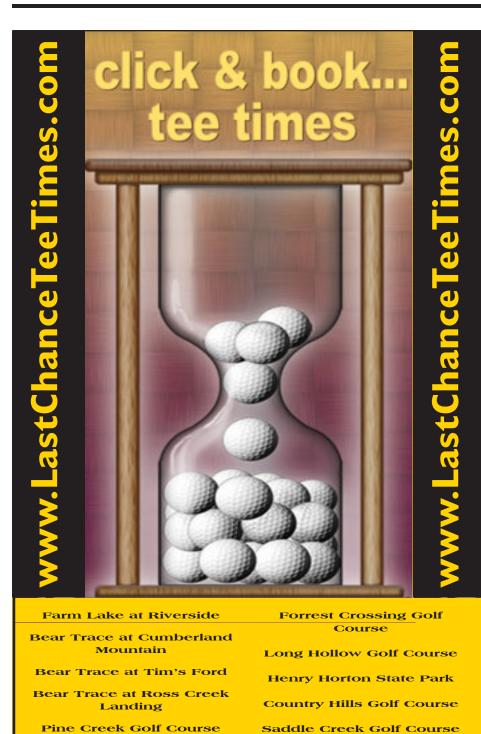


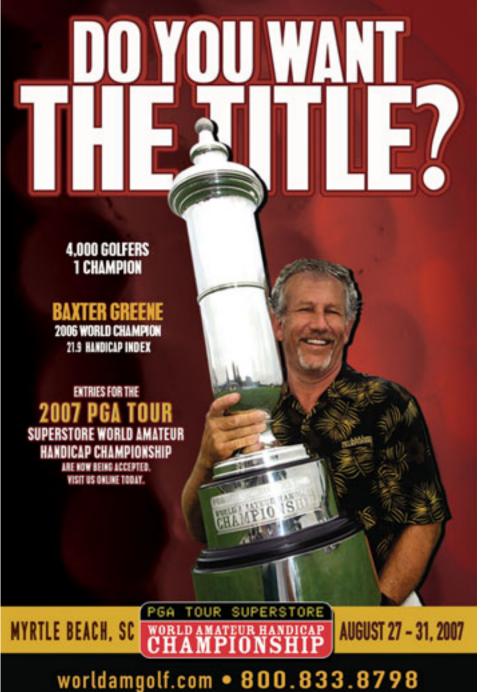






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Visit the new Maggie Valley

By Joe Hall

Many mid-South golfers have fond memories of getaways to Maggie Valley, N.C. They remember a picturesque setting is a large balcony overlooking the course and the Smoky Mountains.

"Our owners did their homework on the



Maggie Valley Club really puts her best foot forward in the autumn. This is a view of the first hole.

in the Great Smokies and a golf course that provided a contrast with its flat, birdie-

Beginning with its opening in 1964, the course beckoned Tennesseans for decades until the effects of Father Time and the onslaught of newer resorts relegated it to the back burner.

friendly front nine followed by an uphill

ascent to a challenging back nine.

Realizing that a change was needed, new owners purchased the resort in 2000 and set about renovating the entire facility. Seven years later, the new Maggie Valley Club has emerged. Once again it beckons avid golfers,

and head professional Mike Fox says those who haven't visited in awhile will be pleasantly surprised.

"We've undergone a complete and thorough makeover," Fox told Tee



Guests enjoy a course view from their condo.

Times. "The course has been revamped with no shortage of things to see and do." new fairway irrigation, significant drainage upgrades, a major bunker renovation and the redesign of several key holes."

As good as the improvements are to the golf course, the improvements to the facilities at the Maggie Valley Club are even better. The old motor lodge was razed and replaced with luxury courseside condominiums, while the clubhouse recently debuted following a \$6 million renovation that replaced nearly everything but the walls.

The clubhouse was converted into the resort's crown jewel - an upscale, user-friendly structure covering 18,000 square feet. It now includes all the modern amenities: locker rooms, bar and grill, fine dining, fitness center, upscale golf shop, corporate meeting space, and areas for resort guests and members to congregate and relax. One of the most popular features clubhouse. They didn't cut corners," said golf course superintendent Mike Stamey, who has been at the club 17 years. "Everything is right there. It provides total service and is user-friendly."

Essentially, the Maggie Valley Club changed from an aging, middle-ofthe-road resort to a modern golf club that caters to both resort golfers and

resident members. The condos are used for rental packages, but also as vacation homes or primary residences. A new residential community is springing up around the course that includes mountain cottages and custom homes.

Whether you own property or are simply visiting on a golf package, you have full use of the facilities, including the fitness center, new swimming center, new driving range and a new short-game practice facility. Tennis courts open this fall.

"Folks are extremely excited about Maggie Valley Club and Western North

> Carolina because of all there is here," says Michael Toohey, director of development. "We not only have great golf, but also skiing, hiking, rafting and the cultural activities in and around Maggie Valley, Waynesville and Asheville. There's

After 17 years as the superintendent, Stamey is probably the person who's most pleased with the changes. His baby has been given new life and he's been given the resources to take it to the next level.

"We have really stepped up the golf course maintenance program and are paying close attention to detail," Stamey says. "Everybody says the course is in the best condition they've ever seen, but I think it can still get better. We're already looking to next year when we replace the cart paths. It's an exciting time at Maggie Valley Club."

For information or to book a tee time or stay-and-play package, call Maggie Valley Club at (800) 438-3861 or visit the Web site at www.maggievalleyclub.com.

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Faith on the Fairways In His Grip Golf Association relocates to Nashville

leaders who

are interested

in starting a

golf ministry

at their church

By Beth Leftwich

A unique golf-tip book written 10 years ago had such an impact on the life of Scott Lehman that it led him to start a golf ministry for men that is moving its headquarters this summer from Moline, Ill., to Nashville.

In His Grip: Foundations for Life & Golf, written by Jim Sheard and Wally Armstrong in 1997, was to golfer Lehman "the catalyst for my personal faith."

At that time, Lehman (who is not related to PGA Tour golfer Tom Lehman) was going through a difficult time in his life and came across

the small, colorful book with 12 chapters each featuring a golf tip wrapped around an eternal truth from the Bible. A selected Scripture is at the beginning of each chapter followed by a key verse, plus a highlighted swing thought.

"God has helped me find my fairway and purpose in life, which is to share *In His Grip* with the world," commented Lehman, 46, during a recent phone interview. He has done so by launching In His Grip Golf Association with the mission "to equip and empower Christian golfers to reach their community for Christ."

In His Grip programs are designed to provide churches the opportunity to use golf as a ministry, which can include golf tournaments, leagues, clinics or retreats. Training workshops are held for church



Scott Lehman's golf ministry is moving its headquarters to Nashville.

as a means to teach golfers to grow in the image of Jesus Christ. "Guys want to get involved in something at church,

in something at church, and they don't always see themselves serving in the nursery, singing in the choir," Lehman explained. But golf's another story.

been inspiring for me to see that need," he added, noting that spending four to five hours on a golf course is a great way to meet people, talk to them about faith and introduce them to Jesus Christ.

Lehman began playing golf at age 8 with his dad in their Ripon, Wis., backyard, using a shortened Northwestern 7-iron and three Wilson K28 golf balls. He practiced by putting into clay flower pots his dad had buried. He went on to play local junior golf and was a member of the Ripon High School golf team; however, he pursued baseball in college.

Lehman, a United States Golf Teachers Federation certified instructor, moved to California after college, where he played competitive golf as an amateur in the late 1980s and early '90s. At age 36, he had a desire to help others with their game.

"That desire now is to take their lives to a higher level by taking the living of In His Grip to them," he said.

To date, In His Grip Golf Association has trained 15 churches and business is moving more southward, hence Lehman's move to the Volunteer State this summer. He and wife, Leslie, recently purchased a home in Spring Hill and chose the area for several reasons.

"The Southeast region, a central location, is heavily into golf, very faith-oriented and those two collide – faith and fairway," he said. "We can serve our church partners easier."

Additionally, Lehman works closely with LifeWay Christian Resources and is working on a book entitled *Golfer's Bible* to be published by LifeWay's B&H

Publishing Group. In 2006, Lehman teamed with author Jim Sheard to write *The Master's Grip*, a 67page book of devotionals detailing parallels between life, golf and faith.

Vanderbilt Legends Club PGA
Professional Patrick Jackson has known
Lehman off and on for several years,
originally through his college golf
coach in Iowa and then through Jack
Countryman, who is a member at the
club and publisher for *In His Grip*books. They all took a trip to Monterey
a few years ago and had a great time

together, according to Jackson.

"Scott is doing a great thing, sharing faith through his events and touching the lives of others through a common medium – golf," said Jackson. "One thing about this great game is that it will sooner or later bring you to your knees.

"It will give you the greatest highs and the lowest lows. Such is life, and everyone needs the encouragement that God gives us. Always remember, faith in the Lord will strengthen you and through Him all things can be done."

The In His Grip ministry is aimed at men, because Lehman feels that if you reach the men, then the majority of the time the family will follow. He said that many of the wives of men who have become involved in the ministry have been "very positive" about In His Grip and that their husbands seem "so

excited to be part of something in the church."

Another local PGA professional, Rob Browning of Saddle Creek Golf Club, has heard about Lehman and his ministry and commented, "By its nature, golf is a spiritual game anyway.

The game is built on honor and courtesy and respect and integrity – all qualities that make us better people in all aspects of our life, including the practice of our faith."

For additional information on the ministry visit www.inhisgripgolf.com.

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Scott Lehman at one of his clinics.

Maggie Valley may just be paradise

By Carol Hall

Maggie Valley Club, in picturesque Maggie Valley, N.C., would receive six stars from Joe and Carol Hall if we were in the business of giving ratings for a Travel 'n' Play site. For golf, scenery, lodging, atmosphere and accessibility, it has no equal in these parts.

Our limited stock of adjectives doesn't do justice to our experience at Maggie Valley. My husband, Joe, had played this course, which opened in 1963, several times in the '80s and '90s, but was not prepared for the "new" Maggie Valley Club, which we visited in May.

Our luxury condo faced a green with the backdrop of magnificent mountains. Our condo was spacious and well-appointed; the designers left nothing to be desired in laying out these two-bedroom, two-bath, full-kitchen units. The oversized hardwood furniture in the dining room was capable of accommodating a sit-down dinner for a family of eight. French doors opened out onto roomy balconies overlooking the course and the mountains. Intriguing to me especially were the matching, comfy rocker/recliners just

made for relaxing after a day on the links - or a day spent shopping.

At Maggie Valley, there are two nearby places to dine – for fine dining, the Renaissance, with its rustic décor and its cathedral ceiling with windows overlooking the course, and the more casual Pin High Bar & Grille, which has outdoor seating.

We feasted at the breakfast buffet at the



Tee Times Publisher Joe Hall checks out the Canada geese enjoying the creek that runs through the Maggie Valley course. This day they also were privy to large groups of butterflies that landed on their hands and shoulders.

Renaissance and opted for Pin High for drinks and dinner, enjoying the mild weather, the view and eating *al fresco* on the balcony. The food was excellent, the prices very reasonable and the stupendous view completely gratis.

The course has been revamped and was beautiful, with hardwood trees and annuals in bloom. Springtime in the Smokies and golf: What more could

we ask for? The course's 800-foot elevation presents the golfer not only a new view but a different dilemma at every turn. The course, I'm told, is fair but challenging, and the vistas are wonderful even for the nongolfer. There are sugar-white bunkers, and with only the wildlife looking, I removed my sandals and dug my toes deep into the soft sand. (Of course, out of respect for the super and his crews, I raked it until it was perfect again.)

Maggie Valley is a four-season golf getaway. The course and



Carol Hall enjoys the feel of the sugarwhite sand, but rest assured, she carefully raked it back to perfection after exiting the bunker.



Maggie Valley's renovated clubhouse offers all the expected modern amenities.

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women golf



MTSU golfer plays in her first – but not last – U.S. Open

By Tony Stinnett

Middle Tennessee State University golfer Taryn Durham played on golf's



Taryn Durham

biggest stage last month, the U.S. Women's Open Championship, and she believes it was her first of many Open appearances.

If Durham, a rising MTSU senior, believes it, there is no reason to doubt

it, as those who have followed her career closely can attest. She is the most decorated player in Blue Raider women's golf history – a three-time All-Sun Belt performer and the 2006 SBC Medalist. On June 28-30, she tested her game against the best in her sport, and while she didn't make the cut, it was a learning experience made more difficult by inclement weather. The first two rounds at Pine Needles Lodge & Country Club in Southern Pines, N.C., took three days, and Durham finished with an 18 over par.

"It's amazing being here, and it's a great honor to be playing with the best players in the world, but I believe I belong here," Durham said the week of the tourney. "I don't see any difference in status, professional or amateur. I don't recognize either one."

The Blue Raider great said the only difference between herself and say, Annika Sorenstam, was that the latter could actually have won the largest purse in women's golf, while Durham couldn't accept any payoff, should she have finished high enough, because of her amateur status as a collegian. Cristie Kerr captured her first major title to win the Open on July 1 with a 72-hole score of 279 (5 under par).

Prior to the Open, here's what MTSU women's golf coach Rachel Short had to say about Durham: "Taryn believes a realistic goal is to make the cut, and that's what makes her so good. She is a competitor and she truly believes she has the game to play with these people. She will not be in awe of the situation. She knows she had to earn the right to play at the U.S. Open. Not just anyone can do that, and she has put herself on a stage with the best women golfers in the world."

Durham arrived at Pine Needles on Sunday, June 24, and spent the first part of the week surveying the course and taking advantage of each practice round. She played both of her Open rounds with Anna Acker-Macosko and Ji Young Oh. The Glasgow, Ky., native played in front of galleries much larger than she was accustomed to and the media frenzy

was much greater. That media attention "started long before I arrived here," Durham said. "I've had several interviews with writers for newspapers. I've done radio interviews. It's really been wild, but it's nice to know people recognize the accomplishment and want to talk about it. I'm all for that. The media attention here is even greater, but it is what you would expect for it to be."

While Durham soaked in all she could during this great experience, she also took the time to learn as much as possible from the pros, she said.

Durham earned the opportunity to play

in the U.S. Open after finishing second in a local qualifier and advancing to the Sectional Round. There, she survived three playoff holes to qualify.



University of Tennessee Lady Vol Marci Turner finished the U.S. Women's Open Championship in North Carolina with a 9-over-par 151 after 36 holes. It was the first U.S. Open for the rising senior. She finished her junior year as Tennessee's leading scorer and received a first team All-SEC nod and honorable mention All-American award by the National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA).

The EWGA exists to provide opportunities for women to learn, play and enoy the game of golf for business and for life.





Woodard captures amateur title

Dawn Woodard of Franklin won the Tennessee Golf Association's 2007 Women's Amateur Championship on June 15 at the Green Meadow Country Club in Alcoa, defeating Knoxville's Ashley Parrott 7 and 5.

TGA Player of the Year in 2006, Woodard, 34, brought years of tournament experience to the course, while Parrott, 20, will be a junior this fall at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Woodard opened the championship match with a birdie and was four up after four holes; Parrott found trees on the par-4 second hole and water on the par-3 third hole. Parrott made a charge just before the turn, with a tie on the seventh hole, a win on the eighth and a tie on No. 9, but Woodard closed the match by winning three of the next four holes.

In the championship consolation match, Rachael Ingram of Benton defeated Kennie Leigh Eisenhower of Newport 2 and 1.

More results follow:

Final – First Flight

Maggie Scott, Charleston, 1 up over Rachel A. Ingram, Jonesborough

Consolation - First Flight

Lindsay Spradlen, Powell, 1 up over Linda Mullins, Cleveland

Final – Second Flight

Emily Sills, Knoxville, 8 and 6 over Melanie Shepherd, Rockford

Consolation - Second Flight

Alexa Payne, Dandridge, 5 and 4 over Adria Herrmann, Oliver Springs

Final – Third Flight

Carley Rhyne, Powell, 2 up over Rosalie Basten, Signal Mountain

Consolation - Third Flight

Margaret Cunningham, Alcoa, over Erica Ray, Maryville, 19 holes

Final – Fourth Flight

Melissa Finley, Morristown, over Candy Hoffman, Clinton,19 holes

Consolation - Fourth Flight

Patricia B. Shivers, Knoxville, 4 and 2 over Mary Watkins, Athens

Final – Fifth Flight

SaDonna Price, Powell, 1 up over Mickey Wooten, Cleveland

Consolation - Fifth Flight

Tiamaria Conner, Knoxville, 3 and 1 over Terry Key, Knoxville



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Vanderbilt women's golf lands Arizona coach

Greg Allen, considered one of the outstanding collegiate golf coaches in the NCAA, has been named Vanderbilt's head women's coach by Vice Chancellor David Williams. Allen replaces Martha Richards, who resigned in June to take a

similar position at the University of Texas.

Allen has been head coach at the University of Arizona since 2000. twice winning the Pac-10 Conference, finishing as NCAA runner-up in 2002



Greg Allen

and coaching Lorena Ochoa - currently the No. 1 ranked player on the LPGA Tour - among nine other All-Americans.

In an announcement, Williams said Vanderbilt is "absolutely delighted" to have Allen on board. "His vast experience running a top-10 program, his record as one of the nation's top recruiters and his down-to-earth personality make him an ideal fit for us at this time," he said.

Allen had a lengthy record of achievement at Arizona during his seven years there. In addition to his Pac-10 titles and 10 All-Americans, he coached eight NCAA All-Scholars, 13 Academic All-Pac-10 student-athletes, three NCAA Players of the Year, two National Freshmen of the Year, three Pac-10 Players of the



Martha Richards

Year, two Curtis Cup selections and 21 All-Pac-10 performers. Two of his players won three Golfstat Cup Awards for the nation's lowest stroke average.

"I look forward to continuing to

next level.

Teacher of the Year

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recruit the quality student-athletes who have made the Commodore women's golf program one of the nation's best," Allen said. "In addition, I'm anxious to embrace the Nashville golf community that supports Commodore Golf."

Martha Richards built the Commodores

into a national power in her seven seasons in Nashville. A 1993 Stanford graduate, Richards guided Vanderbilt to NCAA regional appearances every year with three of her squads advancing to the NCAA Championship finals. She directed the 2004 team to the program's first Southeastern Conference crown and a school-best fifthplace finish nationally.

Voted SEC Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2004, Richards mentored six Commodore All-Americans, including sophomore Jacqui Concolino and senior Chris Brady, who earned the distinction last season. Other Vanderbilt All-Americans under Richards include Sarah Jacobs, Nicki Cutler, Courtney Wood and May Wood. Jacobs, Cutler and May Wood currently play professionally.

In summer 2006, Richards earned the honor of coaching the U.S. women's team in the USA vs. Japan College Golf Championships in Tochigi, Japan.

NCAA Women's Championship

Vanderbilt placed sixth in the NCAA Women's Golf Championship played at the LPGA International Legends Course in Daytona Beach, Fla. Duke claimed its third consecutive national title by finishing 18-over-par 1,170. Tennessee tied for 17th by shooting 1,236.

Sophomore Jacqui Concolino led the Vandy effort by tying for ninth in the medalist race with rounds of 75-69-73-79 for 296. Chris Brady shot 302, Kristen Svicarovich 305, Brooke Goodwin 306 and Liebelei Lawrence 308.

Davies, Shaw honored by Golf Coaches Association

Three days after naming former ETSU standout Rhys Davies (Bridgend, Wales) to his third straight PING First-Team All-America team, the Golf Coaches Association of America announced the rest of its All-America squad and recognized yet another Buccaneer player.

Davies' teammate Gareth Shaw (Lisburn, Northern Ireland) has been named to the honorable mention squad for the 2006-07 season. Shaw, a rising senior, finished the year second on the team in stroke average at 71.8, enjoyed five Top 13 individual finishes during the year and was the Bucs' top performer at the NCAA Championship earlier this month.

Golfweek names its All-America Team

Vanderbilt's Jacqui Concolino earned a spot on the Golfweek Magazine All-America team, while Lady Vols Marci Turner, Nicole Smith and Andgelo Oh

also were recognized after leading 14thranked Tennessee to a 140-55-4 record over the 2006-07 campaign. Concolino was named to the first team and Turner to the third team. Smith and Oh were tabbed as honorable mentions.

Turner is ranked 21st in the country by Golfweek with an 894-158-30 record. She claimed top-10 finishes in five tournaments this year including second place at the Southeastern Conference Championships. Smith earned an All-SEC Second-Team and Honorable Mention NGCA All-America nod in her sophomore campaign. The highlight of the Riverside, Calif., native's career came last fall when she won the prestigious Golf Daytona Beach Fall Preview with a career-best 5-under-par 211. Her 809-231-42 record places her 37th in the Golfweek rankings.

The Lady Vols concluded their season with a No. 14 ranking by Golfweek and No. 15 by Golfstat.

Memphis women complete magical ride

The 2006-07 campaign was a magical ride for the University of Memphis women's golf team, but it came to an end in the final round of the NCAA West Regional, hosted by BYU at the Entrada at Snow Canyon Country Club. The Lady Tigers, who captured the 2007 Conference USA Championship title in late April, finished with a score of 975 for 21st place.

Stacey Tate shot a final round, 9-overpar 80 to finish in a tie for 34th place. Tate completed the regional

with a three-round total of 14over-par 227. Rachel Larson finished in a tie for 95th place (251 three-round total). Dawn-Marie Conaty placed 93rd (249 three-round total), and Kathryn O'Rourke placed 103rd (255 three-round total).

Mocs place 19th at NCAA East Regional

The UT-Chattanooga Mocs, seeded 13th in the 27-team field at the NCAA East Regional played at The Golf Club of Georgia, finished 19th to end the season.

The Mocs enjoyed their share of postseason honors, placing three players on the All-Southern

Conference team. Senior Bryce Ledford and sophomore Jonathan Hodge were named to the team for the second time, while freshman Derek Rende also made the squad.

Hodge also was selected as the Southern Conference Player of the Year, the first time a Chattanooga player has earned the honor. Hodge's stroke average of 72.7 led the Southern Conference. Rende was the league's Freshman of the Year, the first UTC player to claim the accolade.

Chattanooga head coach Mark Guhne was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. In his two years at the helm, the Mocs have won five team titles and two individual wins. They have had five players honored as All-Conference and have risen from 105th to 41st in the national rankings while claiming the program's first SoCon title in 20 years.

NCAA Men's Championship

Vanderbilt, Tennessee, East Tennessee State and Louisville all missed the cut in the 110th NCAA Men's Golf Championship played at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Willamsburg, Va.

The Volunteers lost out in a threeteam playoff after shooting 851. ETSU shot 854, Vandy 855 and Louisville 868. Stanford won the tournament for an eighth time, leading each day in finishing 11-under-par 1,109.

Vandy sophomore Jon Curran finished eighth in the individual race, while junior Charlie Ford was the top finisher for the Vols, tying for 23rd.





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Lightning Bug supporters are (back

row, left to right): Eddie Brawner,

Nesbit; (front row) Daniel Brawner

Ryan Scott, Brian Niles and Tom

and Tanner Smith.



Tourney at Lightning Bug illuminates the life of young golfers

By Carol Hall

Lots of folks set up golf tournaments to benefit good causes. Some name their tournaments in memory of good people, to honor their kindness or good works. But who builds a course on his property, opens it up for play, maintains it at his

cost, holds a golf tournament, and gives all proceeds to enable children to attend golf camp at Golf House Tennessee? Bill Blackburn of Smith **Turf & Irrigation** does

Blackburn decided to build the course along with a fishing pond for his daughter, Ann Catherine, hoping she would

meet other children, learn the game of golf and, in general, just have fun. The course and pond in Triune were built on property next door to the Blackburns and Ann Catherine's grandparents, Jesse and Ann Frank. The pastoral setting was

strictly a place for "kids to be kids," in Blackburn's words. He plotted out the five-hole fun course, dug out the pond and stocked it with fish. Ann Catherine dubbed it Lightning Bug Golf Course. The initial plan was just family and a few friends enjoying the

peaceful farm setting. Jesse Frank, beloved educator and long-time principal at Lipscomb Elementary in Brentwood, never got to enjoy the sound of kids' laughter, fishing from the pond or hitting golf balls on the course built on his land. On Oct. 1, 2004, he succumbed to the ravages of Parkinson's disease and dementia.

Blackburn's good idea became a great one when he decided that there was an opportunity to honor

his father-in-law's memory by giving back to the community, especially the children Frank so loved. The Jesse Frank Junior Golf Scholarship benefits children selected to attend one of the summer, five-day sessions of the Tennessee PGA Junior Golf Academy at Golf House

On June 4, 2005, the first Lightning Bug tourney was held. Participants were invited to play, bring their children and spouses, form teams and just have a great time for a great cause. "My friends are neighbors, clients of my company, golf course superintendents, suppliers for my company, golf pros, course designers, the list goes on and on," says a grateful Blackburn as he recounts the hours contributed by friends and associates to get the course built and keep it maintained. These same tournament players also gave money, equipment and seeds. "Without my friends, this could not have continued to be the success that it has become," he says. The third tournament - on a smaller course with big benefits - was June 9.



Ken Kubalic (left) accepts a prize from tournament organizer, Bill Blackburn.



Members of Richland Country Club came together to support this tournament. They are (left to right): M.G. Gaston, Harper Gaston, Jim Uden, Hal Collier and Martin Gilmore.

How fitting that a man who dedicated his life to children would have a golf tournament benefiting children dedicated in his memory. The Franks' farm rang with peels of laughter, and the heat of the June day was doused in part by a stop at Ann Catherine's lemonade stand near the turn.

Mark Twain once said that the difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug. Perhaps, sometimes, the lightning bug has the brighter charge.



The 83rd annual historic Schooldays Tournament wrapped up with dramatic wins for both the boys and girls champions, Joe David of Madison, and Olivia Love of Columbia.

Spectators got a good look at tomorrow's golf stars at this tournament which began in 1925, played first at Shelby Park and named the Schoolboy Tournament because at the time the field was limited to the guys only. The named changed to Schooldays in 1983 when the girls division was added. The event was moved to McCabe in 1983 where it has remained with the exception of the 2006 tournament which was moved to Ted Rhodes Golf Course while McCabe was undergoing construction on their greens. This tournament is sponsored jointly by the Tennessean and Metro Parks and continues to be one of the major junior tournaments for our area.

Sally Davis, superintendent of golf operation for Metro Parks, is quoted as saying, "It's a very sentimental event for a lot of us. We have seen junior golfers who played our Schooldays go on to become golf pros and course owners, like Mike Eller of Hermitage Golf Course and then, of course, there is Brandt Snedeker, who is now on the PGA Tour. He is experiencing an outstanding rookie year, perhaps being named the Rookie of the Year for the PGA tour."

Tee Times will profile the winners with pictures and tournament results in the August issue.



Smith to play in **U.S. Girls' Junior** Stephanie Smith of Nashville

will play in the U.S. Girls' Junior July 23-28 at Tacoma Country & Golf Club in Lakewood, Wash. The U.S. Girls' Junior is the premier championship for junior female golfers from the United States and many other countries.

Smith fired an impressive 75 during the qualifier held at Clarksville Country Club to secure a bid to the tournament. Nikki Koller from Lewisburg, Ky. (69), Karisa Akin from Elizabethtown, Ky. (72), and Alyssa Randolph from Knoxville (75) also qualified to play in the championship.

The U.S. Girls' Junior is one of the major championships conducted by the USGA and was first played in 1949. Contestants play 36 holes of stroke play before the field is cut to 64 players. The format then changes to match play to determine the winner.



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Parents should guide, not control, their kids

by David Widener



If you are the parent of a talented, young golfer, you should take note of what is happening with Michelle Wie. Or, what Sean O'Hair went through before getting to where he is now on the PGA Tour.

These are two young people whose parents apparently put themselves first over the well-being of their offspring, pushing the youngsters to far extremes in hopes of turning their talent into millions.

O'Hair's father even went as far as having his son sign a contract when he was 17 that required him to pay "Daddy" 10 percent of his professional earnings

for life. He also subjected Sean to a physical and psychological regimen far tougher than most military personnel face from drill sergeants. "Daddy" claimed he invested \$2 million in his boy's professional future, and he wanted a payback.

The good news is that Sean broke free from his father in 2002 and has not spoken to him since. After years of struggling, he made it through qualifying school in 2004 to earn his PGA Tour card and had a stellar first season. He earned \$2.46 million

and won the John Deere Classic. He took home more than \$1 million in 2006 and is approaching that figure again this season with \$987,539 in earnings through 16 events. He led The Players Championship by one shot over Phil Mickelson going into the final round before shooting a closing 76 to finish 11th.

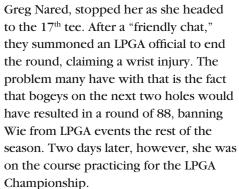
O'Hair is now married and has a 2-yearold daughter. He travels with his in-laws and his father-in-law, Steve Lucas, is his caddy. Life is finally good for the young man, who was one of the nation's top junior golfers when he turned pro at the age of 17.

As for the 17-year-old Wie, at the recent U.S. Women's Open she stated that she was her own boss, although her parents and managers all advise her. Well, in the eyes of most, the advice is bad and some of the LPGA Tour players are saying just that.

"I don't think some of the decisions that have been made for Michelle have been made by Michelle," Karrie Webb told the Palm Beach Post. "Michelle

> definitely has grown up dreaming to be a professional golfer, but it's tough when someone else is making the decisions for you."

The incident drawing the most attention is what she did in the Ginn Tribute tournament. At 14-over-par after 16 holes, she withdrew after her manager,



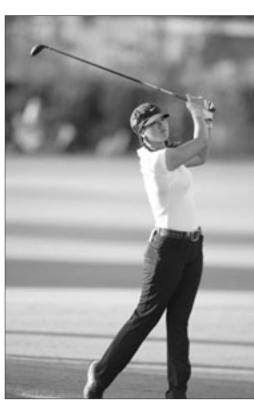
That drew criticism from Annika Sorenstam and LPGA Commissioner Carolyn Bivens.

"I feel that there's a little bit of a lack of respect and class just to leave a tournament like that and then come out and practice here," Sorenstam said at the time. Bivens called it "not very respectful."

If that were not enough, Wie had another WD at the U.S. Women's Open, quitting after nine holes in the second round after shooting an opening round 82 and 42 for her opening nine in round two. Again, it was said to be the wrist injury.

Let's face it. Wie needs a break from

golf. If nothing else, to let the wrist heal if that indeed is the problem. She has withdrawn from the upcoming John Deere Classic, but has not ruled out playing in future men's tournaments. One of her "advisers" should inform her to stick to playing with the women, although she cannot become a tour member until Oct. 11



Michelle Wie

when she turns 18. She has not even won on the LPGA Tour and hasn't broken par in her past 20 rounds dating back to 2006 and going into the U.S. Women's Open.

Wie's father got her into some trouble early in her career by being unfamiliar with the tour's rules when caddying for her. He also was the major factor in negotiating her sponsorship contracts and scheduling her appearances. Wie enters Stanford University soon, and maybe then she will have more control of her own life.

Too many parents try to live their sports dreams through their children. Being a sports writer all my life, I would have liked it if any or all three of my

daughters had pursued some sport in earnest, but they had other interests and I didn't push it. They turned out great. One has her own insurance business, another has two master's and a doctoral degree and is an assistant principal at a high school, and the other schedules surgeries for a physician practice.

Let your children make their own decisions on what they want to do with their lives and, more importantly, let them enjoy being a child while they can.

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Sean O'Hair



Pro-Ams in West Tennessee

The west chapter of the Tennessee Section PGA began in March hosting occasional events teaming a PGA professional with three amateurs in team low-ball competitions on different courses around the region. The first was in March at the TPC Southwind. Pros may field their own team or simply be paired with amateurs who sign up. For more information, contacted Mickey Barker, director of golf and general manager at The Links at Galloway, at (901) 685-7805 or mickey.barker@memphistn.gov.

Memphis Publinks

The 2007 Memphis Publinks
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be at The Links at Galloway. The event is
open to the first 200 paid male amateurs.

The entry fee is \$200 and the registration deadline is Friday, July 20, by 5 p.m. Players must reside within a 50-mile radius of the Memphis area and must not have playing privileges at any private club. Players must be 18 years old. Visit www.thelinksataudubon.com for an entry form.

Champions Run

Champions Run recently hosted the Southeastern Amateur Athletic Union national qualifier for boys and girls ages 10 through 18. Other summer events at the Rockvale course include the Tennessee Golf Association Junior Tour on July 19, the Middle Tennessee Japanese Golf Association on July 29, the Williamson County Invitational on Aug. 6 and the Murfreesboro High School Invitational on Aug. 29.

Music City winners

The Franklin American Mortgage Music City Invitational was June 8-10 at Harpeth Hills Golf Course. Below are some results:

Championship Division

1 Bruce Kenerson -5

2 Carter Henderson E

3 Jerre Maynor Jr. E

4 Dan Crockett +2

5 Brad Reese +5

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3 Steven Simpson +14

T4 Michael Kellogg +16

T4 David McIllwain +16

T4 Lee Evans +16

7 Bob Waldschmidt +18 8 Bill Moore +20

9 Wayne Conner +21

10 Brian Hyatt +23

Football, with some golf on the side

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Tennessee Titans showing up for a free
golf lesson. Titans left tackle Michael
Roos told The Wall Street Journal, "It's
not an easy sport. I was using muscles I
haven't ever used before."

The following Tennessee Section

PGA members donated their time for the fun, promotional event to help the Titans players prepared for an upcoming charity golf event: Hank Patton, Neil Collins, Mike Wine, Steve Kirkpatrick, Bill Hickey, Michael Knight, Devere Keller, Andrew Braley and Justin Growel.

Chinese firecracker breaks Old Fort record

At a 36-hole qualifier last month for the USGA Junior Amateur Championship, Mu Hu tamed with ease Old Fort Golf Course in Murfreesboro, carding a 13 under par for the two days. The first day, Hu fired a 10-under-par 62 and broke the course record. He finished nine strokes better than runner-up Hunter Green of Evensville. Hu attends the David Ledbetter Academy and is a University of Florida signee. The Championship is scheduled for July 23-28 at Boone Valley Golf Club in Augusta, Mo.

Ace at Old Fort

Ryan "Slim" Phillips carded an ace on the 170-yard 12th hole at Old Fort Golf Course on June 23. Phillips used an 8 iron. Along to witness the hole-inone were Alex Kirkland, Bo Page and Brad Page.

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Westfield a "closer" at Shelby Park

By Carol Hall

Since the age of 12, Ricky Westfield has never strayed very far from an historic golf course anchored firmly in equally historic East Nashville. Shelby Golf Course, part of the Nashville Fairways (Metro Nashville) system, is in Shelby Park, Westfield's stomping grounds from early on He grew up just a few blocks from the park and credits his love of the course to two of Metro's premier pros, Danny Gibson (Tee Times' first cover, April 2002) and Ronald Hickman, (Tee Times' March 2005 cover subject).

These two, both now retired, encouraged him and other neighborhood boys to play at the course, something Westfield started to do at that tender age of 12. He became smitten with the course - and with the game of golf. At 14, he resolved he would one day be the golf pro there, never mind what it might take.

His mentors helped him and others play the junior tours, and at the 1967 Junior State Tournament, Westfield got his first look at a private course, the one at Richland Country Club. This lush and verdant beauty opened his eyes to the wonders of grasses and irrigation, and he dreamed that his home course might one day have that look and playability. (At Shelby in the mid- to late-1960s, as at most public courses, watering was done by maintenance crews with hoses, and the course was all Bermuda grass, greens and fairways alike. Westfield recalls that there was a lot of dirt and dust; even so, golfers were not deterred from playing the popular course.)

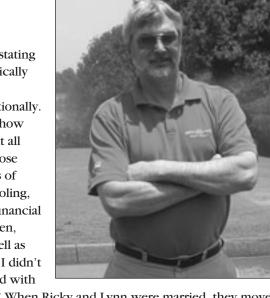
Westfield began his higher education at Martin Methodist, where he captained the golf team, and then moved on to the University of Tennessee-Nashville, working and attending classes at the same time. He enrolled in the PGA pprentice program, true to his goal of becoming a golf professional, when fate stepped in. A skating accident injured his back and leg severely enough that doctors said he would always walk with a limp and cane.

When he went back to work, Westfield worked under Hickman at Shelby, moved over to Herschel Eaton's Harpeth Hills course for a couple of years, and worked for Luther Hickman at McCabe from 1975 to 1979. He worked at Ted Rhodes some thereafter, and in 1997, he returneed to Shelby in maintenance, a passion (an inherited one, he says; his dad is a pipe fitter). In 2004, he ran the pro shop for a while before being named course manager.

In the meantime, he re-entered the academic world, enrolling at Belmont in 2003 to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration, which he earned in 2004. He then went onto to get his master's of sports administration in December 2006, also from Belmont.

Westfield says his recovery and academic success could not have been achieved without the help of his wife, Lynn. "Lynn and I have been married 33 years, and she's behind all that I do, 100 percent. My injury was

devastating physically emotionally. And how about all of those years of schooling the financial burden, as well as time I didn't spend with



her?" When Ricky and Lynn were married, they moved - all the way to the other side of the park.

Call Ricky Westfield a closer - someone who sees a thing through to the end, no matter how much time or hard work it takes. This quiet, unassuming fellow isn't one for speeches, but if he gave one he might say: "Follow your dreams, finish what you start and never give up."

By the way, those doctors were wrong. If there's a limp, it's not discernable, and there definitely is no cane. The injury might have put an end to his golfing career, but by sheer determination, he is back home at Shelby Park Golf Course, degrees in hand, overseeing the course he knows and loves so well.

Seeing is Believing Blind golfer inspires Wilson manager

By Carol Hall

Calling on one of his customers at a golf course in West Tennessee, Bill Johnson was waiting to see the general manager and picked up a copy of Tee Times. Glancing at the front cover, he noticed a bag and clubs from his company, Wilson Sporting Goods, featured on the cover. Standing next to the Wilson bag was Jim Baker, a national-champion blind golfer from **Nashville**

Johnson read the cover article and was inspired by Baker, who not only plays but also teaches and assists other blind golfers, both adults and children, from the Tennessee School for the

The national sales manager for Wilson's golf division, Johnson contacted the paper and asked how to look up Baker. He wanted to present Baker with a new bag and new irons. A meeting was arranged and through the generosity of Johnson and Wilson Staff, Baker is now swinging his new Wilson irons and toting a new bag.

Gary Rager offered to assist in the coaching job usually held by Kyle Seeley, Baker's coach of 14 years. The "coach" must place the ball for the blind golfer, but the rest is up to Baker, whether he was driving the ball or putting the lights out this day at Riverside Golf Course.

> Baker, left, sends his drive up and away as Johnson and Rager follow the drive. After a few minutes, Baker adjusted to his new irons, presented to him by Bill Johnson of Wilson Sporting Goods.



Jim Baker, champion blind golfer, listens as Bill Johnson explains the engineering on one of the irons he just presented to Baker.



Gary Rager, owner and head golf pro at Riverside, lines up a putt for Jim Baker. Rager and Johnson were amazed at Baker's putting ability.



Governors Club reopens, revealing course upgrades

The Governors Club in Brentwood unveiled its newly renovated Arnold Palmer Signature Course with a kickoff charity event June 22 and a membersonly appreciation tournament on June 23. The club, led in the redesign efforts by Palmer's design team, reconstructed holes 2 and 8 and upgraded every tee in just eight months.

The charity event benefited Palmer's organization Arnie's Army Battles Prostate Cancer. Palmer is a prostate cancer survivor. He founded Arnie's Army to raise funds and public awareness for the disease. The esteemed Arnold Palmer Design Team led the redesign efforts for the Arnold Palmer Signature Course.

"Existing utility easements running through our property forced us to shut down two holes in 2005," recalls Whit Davis, golf course superintendent at The Governors Club. "We spent a lot of time and money trying to find an immediate solution but decided that a total hole and tee upgrade was the best decision for the well-being of our members. We found it to be the least invasive way to renovate

the course and make it playable for early summer. We are so pleased to be at the finish

Also last month, Northbrook, Ill.-based KemperSports took over management of the club and tapped Eddie Moon as general manager. "I am excited



Charles Davis tees off.



Eddie Moon, Paul Slinkard and Scott Bailey enjoy a perfect day for golf at The Governors Club.

to join forces with KemperSports in elevating the member experience at The Governors Club," said Moon, who possesses a wealth of experience in the private club sector. "This is a prime opportunity to be a part of a first-rate golf course, club and community."

For the past 10 years, Moon has served as general manager at Temple

Hills Club, a Nashville-based private club featuring 27 holes of championship golf. Prior to Temple Hills, he was general manager at Stonehenge Golf Club, a leading resort course in Fairfield Glade, Tenn. Moon has also held regional management positions throughout his career in the golf industry.

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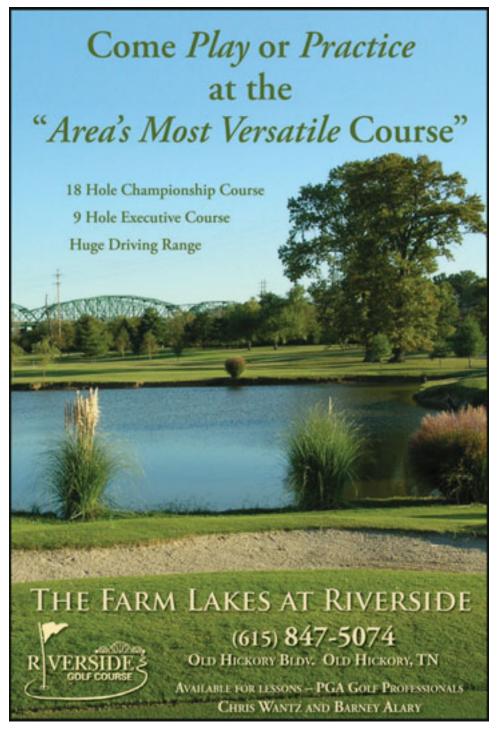
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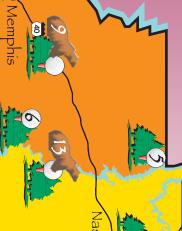
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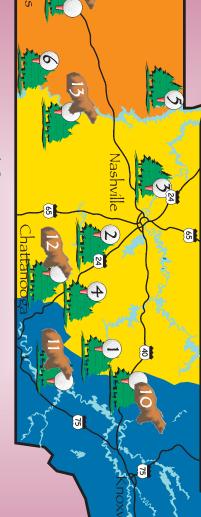












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